Station Director as Officer-in-Charge of AIR Stations of the Capital in States

499. SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA: Will the Minster of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have issued directives that the Station-Director will be the Officer-in-Charge at all AIR Stations of the capitals of the States;

(b) whether the said direction is not followed at AIR Station, Jaipur; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) to (c). As per normal practice followed by the Directorate-General of All India Radio, Station Directors of All India Radio Stations in capitals of States and Union Territories are declared as 'Head of Office'. However, due to administrative reasons, the Station Engineer in All India Radio, Jaipur has been declared as 'Head of Office'.

Navchetna Sansthan at Varanasi, U.P.

500. SHRI SHIV SHARAN VERMA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to refer to unstarred question No. 4427 dated August 26, 1991 and state:

(a) whether the enquiry report has since been received from the State Government; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Microwave System in U.P.

501. SHRI BHUWAN CHANDRA KHANDURI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the places where small and big telephone exchanges are functioning in Pauri, Chamoli and Dehradun districts of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) the number of exchanges out of these which are connected with microwave system;

(c) whether the Government have received proposals to connect some other exchanges including kanskhet also with this system; and

(d) if so, the names of the exchanges for which proposals have been received and the action likely to be taken by the Government in this regard?

DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) The statement is laid on the Table of House as Statement.

(b) Six, Nos. of exchanges are connected, with radio system.

(c) & (d). The following proposals for connection with radio system, were received last year.

1. Pauri
2. Lansdown
3. Kotdwar
4. Gopeshwar

Of these, Pauri, Lansdown and Gopeshwar have already been connected. Kotdwar will be covered this year. Kanshket is not included.